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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0426

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, DM, GE, GW

SUBJ: EAST GERMANS VISIT DAHOMEY

PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON

REF: COTONOU 0131

1. FRG AMBASSADOR WAND ON MARCH 27 TOLD ME EAST GERMAN DELEGATION HEADED BY AMBASSADOR FROM BRAZZAVILLE NOW VISITING COTONOU. WAND ASSUMES THEY HERE TO DISCUSS RECOGNITION OF GDR BY DAHOMEANS.

2. AT HIS REQUEST, WAND HAD MEETING MORNING OF MARCH 27 WITH MIN-FONAFFAIRS ALLADAYE. MINISTER ASSURED HIM THAT MRGD WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE GDR UNTIL AFTER SIGNING OF THE FRG- GDR TREATY WHICH EXPECTED IN MAY (SEE REFTTEL).

3. WAND SAID HE PLEASED WITH ATTITUDE OF ALLADAYE ON THIS ISSUE. HE DESCRIBED MINISTER AS HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY. SAID HE GAVE ASSURANCE THAT MRGD WOULD EMPHASIZE SUPPORT FOR RIGHT OF SELF-
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DETERMINATION OF GERMAN PEOPLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH RECOGNITION OF GDR. ALLADAYE ALSO TOLD WAND THAT MRGD DOES NOT WISH TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD SUPPORT CONTINUED DIVISION OF GERMANY AGAINST WILL OF GERMANS.

4. AMBASSADOR WAND' S QUICK INITIATIVE, COUPLED WITH GENEROSITY OF FRG ASSISTANCE TO DAHOMEY, MAY HAVE BEEN DECISIVE IN DELAYING FOR SHORT TIME RECOGNITION OF GDR. ONE HOPES THAT ALLADAYE' S PROMISES ARE WORTH MORE THAN SIMILAR ASSURANCES GIVEN BY KEREKOU TO ROC AND ROK AMBASSADORS (REFTEL).

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